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Producers'-cum-Consumers' Co-operative Societies in Malabar.

* 459 *Q.*—SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state— 11-50 a.m.

(*a*) whether the marketing societies in Malabar are working at a profit;

(*b*) whether the Government have any proposal to convert the existing Producers'- *cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Societies as such societies on reformation; and

(*c*) the present stage of the settlement of the accounts of the Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Societies with the Civil Supplies Department as a result of decontrol?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Of the three marketing societies in Malabar only one worked at a profit in the co-operative year 1953–54.

" (*b*) Yes, some of them.

" (*c*) A statement[a] showing the receipt and disposal of claims of Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative **Societies of** Malabar is placed on the table of the House."

MR. SPEAKER :—" We shall take up the next question also. It is on the same subject."

* 460 *Q.*—SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many of the Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Societies of Malabar have been reconverted after having been relieved from the ration distribution work due to loss in working or on account of mismanagement;

(*b*) how many have been completely liquidated; and

(*c*) the present stage of the Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Society, Iritty, in Kottayam taluk, after it was relieved from ration distribution work from 1st October 1953?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Fifteen Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Societies have been converted into other types of societies up to 16th October 1954.

" (*b*) Nine societies have been liquidated up to 16th October 1954.

" (*c*) The Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Society, Iritty, resolved at its general body meeting held on 30th October 1954 to convert itself into a Co-operative Marketing Society. The Deputy Registrar, Malabar North, is taking action to register the necessary amendments to its by-laws."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" In answering sub-clause (*a*) of question No. 459, the Hon. Minister stated that only one marketing society was working at a profit and that means that

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the other two societies were working at a loss. May I know the names of the societies working at a loss and the name of the society working at a profit? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Palghat Sale Society was working at a profit in the year 1953–54. The Ponnani Taluk Arecanut Marketing Society and the Malabar District Co-operative Purchase and Sale Society were working at a loss in 1953–54."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" The statement placed on the table of the House shows that a huge amount of Rupees 51,77,984–11–10 has been outstanding for a long time and I know corresponding amounts are outstanding in favour of Government also. Inasmuch as Government collect 4 per cent interest on the outstanding amount due to them by the societies and do not allow interest on outstandings due to societies, the delay in the settlement of accounts has resulted in huge losses to these societies. Will the Hon. Minister take special and immediate steps to settle these claims? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Registrar of Co-operative Societies has been asked to go to Malabar and discuss this matter with the concerned persons and come to some conclusion. Dr. K. B. Menon and Sri M. Narayana Kurup will also be invited to participate in that discussion."

SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMAD SHAFEE :—" The statement placed on the table of the House does not show one important item, namely, the compensation to be paid to the Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Societies on account of their storing huge stocks of rice for a long period in 1952–53. On account of the rent paid to the godowns and the interest paid to Government by these P.C.C. societies on the stocks, they have suffered a huge loss. We do not find that item in the statement placed on the table of the House. Will the Government consider the immediate necessity of giving compensation to these societies for the losses suffered by them in regard to the items mentioned by me? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Government will consider the suggestion, Sir."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" I shall ask one question by way of clarification, Sir. The Hon. Minister was saying that the Kozhikode Marketing Society was running at a loss? Is it not a fact that Government ordered this society not to advance loans for coffee and is it not a fact that because of this order, the society has suffered a loss? If so, is it not a fact that the loss suffered by the society is due to Government? Are not Government responsible for the same? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" Is this clarification? " (Laughter.)